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Education

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Wayside Exhibits with Park Partners/Communities

Location: Fire Island, New York

Partner(s): Friends of Watch Hill, Communities of Fire Island Pines and Kismet

Partner Website: www.friendsofwatchhill.org

Total Cost: \$21,000

Proposal # 137834

Summary: Fire Island National Seashore has 17 preexisting communities within its boundary. These communities, accessible by boat or ferry, see more than two million visitors each summer, although many are unaware that they are in a national seashore. Each community has its own history and compelling stories. This project will share these stories and links to the park.

A three- sided NPS wayside exhibit, installed in each community center, will depict general park orientation; natural, cultural and recreational resources the park offers; and will tell the unique story of the community. The process will foster a better working relationship with the communities to further goals of park protection and recreational opportunities. The measurable results will be increased visitor understanding and support for park purpose and mission.

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Wayside exhibits—planned in 2008 for Kismet, Fire Island Pines and Watch Hill—can be expanded to tell the stories of each of the 17 Fire Island communities, and help all visitors better understand and appreciate the National Park Service area that surrounds them.